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MTB WITH PENNANT NUMBER T135 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. MOST  
ACTIVITY DURING REPORTING PERIOD WAS PRIMARILY CONCERNED  
WITH THE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION OF TWO MTBS DAMAGED BY  
THE USS MADDOX. THE MTB T3

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39 WAS REPORTED SUNK. AFTER  
CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH, THE T-146 FINALLY LOCATED

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THE OTHER TWO POSS MTBS, T-333 AND T-336, AT 1900G. 574

BACH DANG DEPARTED HAIPHONG 040100G ENROUTE MUI CHAO

(19-43N 105-54E) TO TOW THESE TWO VESSELS "7-8" PROBABLY TO  
HAIPHONG.

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HT B. THE TWO DESTROYERS COMPOSING THE DESOTO PATROL OF

3 AUGUST WERE FIRST REFLECTED 030720Z WHEN THEY WERE REPORTED

TWENTY-FIVE MILES FROM HON ME BEARING 160 DEGREES. IT WAS

LATER REPORTED AT 030800Z THAT THERE WERE TWO AIRCRAFT

PROVIDING COVER FOR THE VESSELS. AT 030934G THE T-142 WAS

ORDERED BY DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG TO SHADOW THE

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ENEMY CLOSELY AND MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

REPORTING ITS POSITION AND GRID.

11. DRV NAVY. FLEET OPERATIONS:

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

1. DURING THE PERIOD 022301Z-032300Z DRV NAVAL

COMMUNICATIONS WERE NORMAL WITH A MINIMUM OF 13 VESSELS

REFLECTED INCLUDING: POSSIBLE VCSO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231;

2-592 :)-AA 0&.A 5-142, T-146, UMYTN T-379; POSSIBLE

MTBSST-333, T-336; UNIDENTIFIED TWAVEEV TUG "BACH DANG" AND  
FOUR UNIDENTIFIED.

B. MAINLINE NETS

1. DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE  
WITH HANOI AND THREE UNLOCATED OUTSATIONS ON THE COMMAND  
NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT AND  
SOUTH DEN FLEET HEADQUARTERS BEN THUY ON THE OPERATIONAL NET.  
REMAINING COMMAND ECHELON NETS NORMAL.

C. C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. EIGHT VESSELS WERE OBSERVED ACTIVE INCLUDING:  
SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231; SWATOW CLASS SPGMS T-142, T-146,  
MTBS T-333, T-336 AND THREE UNIDENTIFIED.

2. THE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231 WAS OBSERVED  
UNDERWAY FROM HAIPHONG POSSIBLY IN COMPANY WITH AT LEAST ONE  
MORE VESSEL. THERE HAS BEEN NO REFLECTION OF THIS UNIT  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DESOTO ACTIVITIES TO DATE.

D. SOUTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THUY:

NKQM THREE VESSELS, SWATOW CLASS T-164, T-379 AND  
ONE UNIDENTIFIED WERE OBSERVED. THESE UNITS WERE ACTIVELY  
ENGAGED IN PATROL AND DESOTO ACTIVITIES.

E. TRACKING:

1. HAIPHONG PORT WALLUT AND BEN THUY TRACKING

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TEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS. EIGHTY FIVE MESSAGES WERE  
OBSERVED, SOME OF WHICH REFLECTED THE TRACK OF THE DESOTO  
PATROL BETWEEN POINTS CHARLIE AND DELTA. MU DUC (19-52N  
105-57E) TRACKING SITE, NOT ISOLATED ON THE TRACKING NET,  
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#### IV. DRV SHIPPING/FISHING

##### A. COASTAL SHIPPING:

1. DRV COASTAL SHIPPING COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A

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NORMAL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WITH D THE ORRCHANT FLEET. ONE

CLASSIFIED URGENT PRECEDENCE MEYXAGE REFLECTED EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON  
TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ATTACK FROM ENEMY AIGERAFT AND  
SHIPS BY STAYING VERY CLOSE TO THE COASZLINE.

CLASSIFIED 2. SHIPPINT TRAFFIC ALSO REFLECTED A REPORT OF  
TWO PROPELLER DRIVEN AIRCRAFT ACTIVE 18 MILES OFF SHORE FROM  
POSSIBLY SAM SON CIRCLING A SHIP AND RETURING IN THE DIRECTION  
FROM WHENCE THEY CAME.

CLASSIFIED B. FISHING GLEET:

1. DRV FISHING FLEETSXNOBSERVED.

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